

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

MALEEHA AHMAD)
)
and)
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ALISON DREITH,)
)
on behalf of themselves and a class of)
similarly situated individuals,) No. 4:17-cv-2455
)
Plaintiffs,)
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v.)
)
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,)
)
Defendant.)

DECLARATION OF JOSHUA TORRES WEDDING

I, Joshua Torres Wedding, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration and could and would testify competently to those facts if called as a witness.
2. On September 15, 2017, I participated in a protest march following the acquittal of Officer Jason Stockley.
3. The march took place in downtown St. Louis.
4. At approximately 5:15 p.m., I was walking to meet my wife after leaving the protest group.
5. I saw a Metro bus full of police officers unload onto the sidewalk near me.
6. Many of the officers were dressed in black full-body tactical gear, including personal protective equipment and helmets.

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7. I did not understand why the officers were there. I used my smartphone to record the officers, who were moving into a phalanx formation.

8. Some of the officers were on the west sidewalk of Tucker Boulevard, and I was standing in the City Hall parking lot, so we were separated by an iron fence. I walked to the brick-and-iron entranceway between sidewalk and parking lot. I was a couple feet away from the nearest officers.

9. Without warning, an officer sprayed me directly in the forehead with a stream of pepper spray.

10. I was unarmed, not committing any damage to property, and posed no safety threat to any person.

11. The officer did not warn me that he was about to deploy a chemical agent against me.

12. The pepper spray burned my eyes and my skin, and I began screaming.

13. The police did not provide me with any first aid.

14. I was not arrested.

15. Attached to this declaration is a photograph of me with the residue on my skin.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2017.

By: /s/ Joshua Torres Wedding
Joshua Torres Wedding

